

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

RIDF XVII-Indira Jala Prabha – Project for irrigation in 10 lakh acres of SC/ST land as a convergence project with MGNREGS- Administrative sanction and guidelines for execution - orders - Issued.

PANCHAYAT RAJ & RURAL DEVELOPMENT (RD-III) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms.No. 315

Dated:09.09.2011

Read the following:

1. Lr. No. NB.SPD/114 /RIDF-XVII (Gen) 20011-12 Dated 19.04.2011
Chairman NABARD.
2. Lr. No.2605/CLDP/RIDF-XVII/2011 dt:09.06.2011 of Commissioner,
Rural Development, A.P. Hyderabad.

ORDER

Under the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme, Gram Sabhas have identified development works in nearly 50 lakh acres of fallow and degraded land, of which works on more than 13 lakh acres have begun in the year 2011-12. This is in addition to the "Indira Prabha" – a project for the comprehensive land development of assigned lands taken up under RIDF IX, XIII & XV. As a part of this land development programmes, unproductive lands assigned to SC/ST and other small, marginal farmers have been brought under diversified farming systems through multiple interventions. This work needs to be taken forward by providing irrigation facility where possible, so that the lands achieve optimum productivity.

2. The Commissioner Rural Development, AP, Hyderabad in the reference 2nd read above has proposed that at least 10 lakh acres of the land taken for development can be brought under irrigation by judicious exploitation of the surface and ground water. As per the Schedule I of the MGNREG Act, providing irrigation facilities in the SC/ST and small/marginal farmers' lands is a priority work, subject to maintaining the balance between the wage and material components at the district level by converging the MGNREGS with RIDF. The Commissioner Rural Development has therefore proposed to take up "Indira Jala Prabha", as a follow up project of Indira Prabha, wherein 1 lakh irrigation sources can be developed to irrigate 10 lakh acres of SC/ST land with convergence of MGNREG and RIDF.

3. Government, after careful consideration of the proposal of Commissioner Rural Development, AP, Hyderabad hereby approve the proposal to take up "**Indira Jala Prabha**" to irrigate 10 lakh acres of SC/ST lands (detailed allocation in the annexure) subject to the following guidelines:

a) Objective:

The objective of Indira Jala Prabha shall be to provide equitable and judicious access to irrigation for the rural poor SC/ST households resulting not only in optimum use of water but allowing intensive cultivation having focus on livelihoods.

b) Convergence:

Indira Jala Prabha shall be taken up as a convergence project between MGNREGS and RIDF. Under this, the expenditure for creation of the irrigation source shall be funded from MGNREGS; and the cost of energisation and Micro-irrigation shall be met from RIDF funds.

c) Eligibility:

The blocks of land for the project shall be identified subject to the following:

- i. Only such lands of SC/ST farmers which are taken up for development under MGNREGS or Indira Prabha shall be considered.
- ii. The land shall be available in contiguous block of at least 10 acres.

- iii. Only one source is permitted for every 10 acre area.
- iv. Areas which are brought under the Community Managed Sustainable Agriculture (CMSA) shall be given special priority.

d) Identification & sanction:

Gram Sabhas will identify the blocks which fulfill the above criteria before 30th September, 2011. Based on the tentative data, the District Collectors shall give administrative sanction of such blocks before 15th September, 2011 duly following the procedure laid down under the MGNREG Act. Services of all qualified geologists shall be commissioned to ensure that the points for drilling are identified before January 2012. Based on the groundwater reports, if necessary, the estimates shall be revised.

e) Treatment:

Irrigation sources under the Indira Jala Prabha shall be identified as below:

- a. First priority shall be given for surface water exploitation in including lift irrigation.
- b. Where surface water is not available, the option of open wells shall be considered.
- c. Where both these are not available, bore wells/tube wells shall be considered.
- d. Villages notified as over exploited shall not normally be selected for drilling of borewells.
- e. Where needed, Borewell/ Tubewell shall be accompanied by a recharging structure so that groundwater exploited shall not be more than the groundwater recharged.
- f. No flood irrigation shall be permitted for the Borewells dug under this programme. High water intensive crops like paddy, sugarcane etc which needs flood irrigation from borewells shall be specifically banned. Irrigated dry crops /horticulture including vegetable cultivation with sprinkler or drip shall be encouraged.
- g. Every groundwater source shall be combined with Micro-irrigation (drip/sprinkler) so as to achieve optimum utilisation of water.

f) Time schedules for various activities:

The following time schedules shall be strictly adhered to:

- i) Identification and sanctions using Ragas software system before 15th September, 2011.
- ii) Filing of applications for electricity connections September 2011.
- iii) Groundwater survey and furnishing the feasible points for bore well drilling between September, 2011 and January 2012.
- iv) Tendering and finalising the agencies for execution before 30th October, 2011 by the District Collectors.
- v) Allocation of work to the agencies between September 2011 and January 2012.
- vi) Micro Irrigation sanctions to be given before January 2012.
- vii) Project completion along with electrification and micro irrigation to be completed by January 2013.

g) Training and Capacity Building:

- a. The beneficiaries of the identified blocks shall be formed into Common Interest Groups (CIGs) by the DWMAs.
- b. Every CIG is expected to work on the principles of self help groups and save an agreed amount every month. This amount shall be deposited in a Bank Account to be opened for this purpose.
- c. Amount so accumulated shall be used for servicing the irrigation source.

4. The Government have allocated an amount of Rs.400 Crores which would be sanctioned for the RIDF component from the RIDF XVII. Based on the progress of the scheme, more funds could be considered from the future tranches of RIDF. The expenditure from RIDF shall be debited to "2515-Other Rural Development programmes MH – 103 Dryland Development programmes

GH – 07 – Rural Infrastructure Development Fund SH.09 – Watershed Works 310-Grants-in-Aid 312-Other Grants-in-Aid”. For MGNREG (State Government contribution) i.e., for Rs. 10138.70 lakhs, the expenditure shall be debited to “2501-Special Programmes for Rural Development SMJH-02 Drought prone area development MH.800-other expenditure GH.06-Matching State Share of Centrally Sponsored Scheme SH-12 National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme 310-Grants-in-aid 312-other Grants-in-Aid”.

5. This order issues with the concurrence of Finance Dept. vide their UO Note No. 17232-B/284/RIDF/WAI/11 dated 23.7.2011. A copy of this order is available on the Internet and can be accessed at the address: <http://www.rd.ap.gov.in>.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

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PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT (RD)

To

The Commissioner, Rural Development, A.P., Hyderabad

The Special Commissioner Watersheds

All District Collectors in the state

All the Project Directors, DWMA in the state

All the Project Directors, IKP in the state

Copy to the Director, Groundwater Department

Copy to POs, ITDAs concerned

Copy to the P.S. to Minister (RD)

Copy to the P.S. to Principal Secretary to Govt., RD Dept., Hyderabad

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SECTION OFFICER

Allocations for the Indira Jala Prabha from MGNREGS and from RIDF

S.No	Name of the district	Land proposed in DPR (in acres)	Number of sources	Allocation under MGNREGS (in Rs. Lakh)	Allocation under RIDF XVII (in Rs. Lakh)	Future RIDF (in Rs. Lakh)	Total (in Rs lakh)
1	Adilabad	100000	10000	6526.57	3905.42	4335.11	14767.10
2	Anantapur	60000	6000	5276.32	2274.97	2525.28	10076.56
3	Chittoor	50000	5000	9409.42	1978.82	2196.53	13584.76
4	East Godavari	28000	2800	1390.84	949.44	1053.90	3394.18
5	Guntur	16500	1650	524.92	1084.12	1203.39	2812.43
6	Kadapa	25000	2500	2000.00	948.55	1052.91	4001.46
7	Karimnagar	31000	3100	2446.94	1146.48	1272.62	4866.05
8	Khammam	85000	8500	14572.86	3426.31	3803.29	21802.47
9	Krishna	13500	1350	994.37	1478.95	1641.67	4114.99
10	Kurnool	54000	5400	5189.55	2487.95	2761.69	10439.19
11	Mahabubnagar	91000	9100	7137.26	3517.85	3904.90	14560.00
12	Medak	75000	7500	9950.90	2699.12	2996.09	15646.10
13	Nalgonda	65000	6500	4395.07	2464.36	2735.50	9594.94
14	Nizamabad	29000	2900	2412.93	1143.56	1269.38	4825.86
15	Prakasam	28000	2800	2476.60	1154.34	1281.34	4912.28
16	Ranga Reddy	28500	2850	2399.46	1145.21	1271.21	4815.88
17	S.P.S Nellore	25000	2500	2000.00	950.62	1055.21	4005.82
18	Srikakulam	40000	4000	2023.61	959.04	1064.56	4047.21
19	Visakhapatnam	70000	7000	5601.15	2654.13	2946.15	11201.43
20	Vizianagaram	40000	4000	2351.83	1121.65	1245.06	4718.54
21	Warangal	33000	3300	5802.53	2750.03	3052.60	11605.15
22	West Godavari	12500	1250	167.48	1837.89	2040.10	4045.47
	Total	1000000	100000	95659.37	40000.00	44400.99	180060.36

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